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Holiday Tradition Takes Stage

Yuletide Spectacular, a Portland holiday tradition for the entire family, will be presented by the Oregon Symphony on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.; and Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, with an additional performance on Friday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Smith Auditorium in Salem.

The festive line-up includes a retelling of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," a 24-member theatrical cast, and show-stopping musical and dance numbers.

The symphony will perform several holiday arrangements including, "Silent Night" and "Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella."

"This is always the biggest production each year," said Artistic Administrator Charles Calmer. "It's our gift to the community, with about 75 people involved in singing, dancing, acting—all to mesh nicely with the orchestra."

Tickets are \$25 to \$82 and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony ticket office, Ticketmaster outlets or by calling 503-224-4400.



The Oregon Symphony transforms the stage for 'Yuletide Spectacular' this weekend at the Schnitzer.

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Winter Adventures for Kids

Winter break can be fun and education for kids attending the Oregon Zoo Winter Zoo Venture Day Camps, Dec. 18 through 22 and Dec. 27 through 29.

The activities are focused on unique animal themes. "Some Like it Cold" has campers examining how animals such as polar bears are built for winter. In "How Do They Do That?" children discover how animals climb, glide, dive and survive in the wild. During "Short Days, Long Nights," campers learn about the differences between nocturnal animals such as tigers and bats and diurnal animals such as elephants, zebras and monkeys.

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Father, Son in 'Pursuit of Happyness'

Will Smith stars with son, Jaden

Columbia Pictures' *The Pursuit of Happyness* is the story of Chris Gardner, a family man struggling to make ends meet. Inspired by true events, the film opens nationwide on Friday, Dec. 15.

In an incredible performance that brings to mind his powerful, dramatic turns in "Ali" and "Six Degrees of Separation", Will Smith portrays Gardner, the bright and talented but marginally employed salesman who, alongside his son, endures many hardships in pursuit of his dream of a better life for the two of them.

Giving an equally extraordinary performance is Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, the seven-year-old son of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith, who makes his acting debut as Gardner's son Christopher.

Thandie Newton, who received rave reviews for her performance in



Will Smith and Jaden Smith deliver a powerful and poignant performance in "The Pursuit of Happyness" opening Friday in theaters.

the Oscar-winning best picture *Crash*, was chosen to play Linda, a mother who ends up leaving her son to the care of his father.

Despite his valiant attempts to help keep his family afloat, the mother of his five-year-old son Christopher is buckling under the constant strain of financial pressure. No longer able to cope, she reluctantly decides to leave her husband and child.

Gardner, now a single father, continues to doggedly pursue a better-paying job using every sales skill he knows. He lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, and although there is no salary, he accepts, hopeful he will end the program with a job and a promising future.

Without a financial cushion, Gardner and his son are soon evicted from their apartment.

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Lunch Menu

APPETIZERS

Cajun Shrimp shrimp sautéed with butter, wine, garlic and tomato	7.95
Calamari served with atoli and cocktail sauce	6.95
Crab & Artichoke Dip with feta, parmesan, parsley and tortilla chips	7.95
Crab Cakes served with a remoulade on a bed of mixed greens	7.50
Onion Rings served with ranch dressing	5.95
Quesadilla served with shredded lettuce, tomato and onions	5.95

SALADS & SOUPS

House Salad served with mixed greens, tomato, onion, cucumbers and carrots	3.95
Clam Chowder served with oyster crackers	3.95
Caesar Salad served with romaine, croutons, and Parmesan Cheese	7.50
Chef Salad Turkey, Ham, Cheddar & Swiss, Tomato, Egg, Bacon and choice of dressing	7.75
Cobb Salad chicken, bacon, tomato, avoc., blue cheese crumbles, olives, any dressing	7.75
Greek Salad Kalamata olives, onions, tomato, feta cheese with a vinaigrette	7.95
Shrimp Louie bay shrimp, black olives, tomato, egg, and choice of dressing	7.95
Taco Salad served in a tortilla bowl with mixed greens, tomato, onions, olives, cheddar cheese, sour cream, guacamole, tortilla chips and pico de gallo	8.25

SANDWICHES *All sandwiches served with French fries*

BLT Bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo on sourdough	6.95
French Dip thin sliced prime rib served au jus	7.95
Half Sandwich & Soup choice of turkey, ham or roast beef, lettuce, tomato and mayo served with clam chowder	6.95
Prime Rib Sandwich served open face, au jus, on toasted sourdough	7.95
Reuben Corned beef with 1000 island dressing, Swiss cheese and sauerkraut	7.25
Turkey Club, turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, Havarti cheese, bacon and mayo on Toasted Sourdough	7.25

BURGERS *All burgers served with French fries*

BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, mayo	7.95
Buffalo Chicken Burger tossed in a spicy sauce, with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, mayo	7.75
Classic Cheeseburger lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo	7.50
Patty Melt seasoned burger with red onion, Swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing	7.50
Spice Burger Cajun spice, stuffed with blue cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayo onion	7.95

LUNCHEENTREES *All entrees served with soup or salad

8oz New York Steak cooked to perfection and served with onion rings	12.95
Chicken Alfredo with fettuccine pasta, Alfredo sauce, garlic, parsley parmesan cheese	8.95
Halibut Fish & Chips breaded and deep fried served with fries, cole slaw & tartar sauce	10.95

KID'S MENU *One of the following, plus a Soda pop or juice*

Fish & Chips ~ Chicken Strips ~ Spice Mac ~ Cheeseburger ~ Grilled Cheese ~ Quesadilla	4.95
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DJ on Thursday, Friday & Saturday -- Sunday is free Karaoke and Pool